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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

INFO USLO PEKING

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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH

SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS/CHINESE ATTENDANCE

AT FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

REFS: A) STATE CA-3909, MAY 5, 1973

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1. ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) WERE INVITED TO ATTEND USG-ORGANIZED FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THIS YEAR, THERE WAS NO ATTENDANCE ANYWHERE OTHER THAN IN PEKING. THE CHINESE DID NOT RESPOND TO EMBASSY PARIS' INVITATION AND DID NOT ATTEND, IN APPARENT REFLECTION OF THE TRANSFER OF PRIMARY LIAISON FUNCTIONS TO USLO PEKING.

2. MANY EMBASSIES REPORTED THAT THE CHINESE REGRETTED THE
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INVITATION AT THE LAST MINUTE, POSSIBLY INDICATING

THAT THEY HAD ONLY JUST RECEIVED A LATE REPLY TO A QUERY DIRECTED TO PEKING. WHERE A SUBSTANTIVE EXCUSE WAS OFFERED AT ALL, IT WAS THAT ATTENDANCE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PRC.

3. THE CHINESE POLICY FOR THE TIME BEING APPEARS TO BE ATTENDANCE AT FORMAL EVENTS IN CONTEXTS WHERE US-PRC RELATIONS ARE "FULLY NORMALIZED", E.G., PEKING, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUT NON-ATTENDANCE ELSEWHERE.

NO FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES TO WHICH FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WERE SPECIFICALLY INVITED WERE HELD IN EITHER NEW YORK OR GENEVA, BUT HAD THEY BEEN WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED. THE US WAS INVITED TO PRC NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE UN AND IN GENEVA LAST OCTOBER 1.

4. GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN REFAIR STILL STAND. POSTS SHOULD MAINTAIN NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC REPRESENTATIVES WHERE PRC IS ON THE DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR LIST. AS STIPULATED IN REFAIR, IN NO CASE SHOULD REPRESENTATIVES OF PEKING AND TAIPEI BE INCLUDED AT THE SAME FUNCTION.

5. SHOULD THE PRC INVITE US REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND NATIONAL DAY EVENTS THIS OCTOBER 1, POSTS SHOULD ACCEPT AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT. RUSH

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